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# Palauans on Saipan cast votes

by Rafael I. Santos

PALAUAN nationals on Saipan trooped to the Civic Center Thursday morning to elect a new president, vice president and members of the bicameral legislature.

The balloting, which commenced at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 9:00 p.m., was one day behind the schedule. Ballot boxes from the Republic of Palau failed to reach Saipan on time due to a tropical storm that battered the islands.

There are approximately 1,200 Palauan voters here, equivalent to about 10 percent of the 11,400 eligible voters of Palau. About 85 per cent or between 900 to 1,000 voters cast their ballots. Counting of election returns was expected to begin Thursday afternoon.

The voting on Saipan, which created a fiesta-like atmosphere, is very crucial, according to Vice President Kuniwo Nakamura, one



Supporters of Kuniwo Nakamura wave victory signs to motorists along Beach Road, in Civic Center Thursday morning during the polls.

of the two presidential candidates.

While refusing to predict the outcome of the elections, Nakamura said he had a "good chance" [of winning] because of his strong support especially from the grassroots level.

"From what I saw yesterday, it was very promising. I have been elected to office for ninth times and I have never lost," he said. It only proved, he said, that the people of Palau have confidence

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## Filipino programs turn 5

by Rafael I. Santos

TWO major programs on KSAI, the only radio station on Saipan with Filipino broadcast, marked their fifth year anniversary Monday.

Avid listeners of the programs *Pag-usapan Natin* and *Bukang Liwayway* braved the rains and heavy winds caused by typhoon Dan and Elsie and trooped the station to watch their favorite radio announcers do the broadcast of *Pag-usapan Natin* live.

*Pag-usapan Natin*, which used to be a one-hour program and *Bukang Liwayway* started to go on air in 1987 after KSAI's Filipino programmers realized that Filipinos on the island, whose number dramatically increased from 8,000 to 15,000 that year, needed some sort of alternative

radio entertainment.

At the same time, the pioneers of the 2 programs, Frank and Luz Matias, Rose Adams and Roy Alvarez, felt the need to offer counseling services to Filipinos.

The live presentation, which was held at Saipan Community Church just opposite the station, was highlighted by message of congratulations from Lt. Governor Manglona and the Officer-In-Charge of the Consulate Danny Lorzano.

Name-that-tune and Name-that-Program contests were also part of the anniversary celebration. Lucky winners were given gift certificates, telephone debit cards and other giveaways from sponsors.

*Pag-usapan*, which is hosted by Rose Adams and Reuel

Navarro, is heard Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. *Bukang Liwayway* on the other hand is aired every morning from 5:30 to 7:00, hosted by Joyce Sison, Jackie Ayuson and Ferdie Odone. The other people who help in the two programs are Thox Balicoco, Nieve Sy, and Raffy Santos.

Asked to gauge the success of the two Filipino programs, Rose Adams observed there has been a tremendous improvement as far as listenership and responses from listeners are concerned.

Interviewed listeners said they like the programs not only because of the entertainment but also because of spiritual insights and lessons they get from the programs. One listener told Balita that whenever he tunes in to

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Toribiong



Nakamura



Remengasau



Pierantozzi

## 2 boys steal shopper's bike

A Filipino contract worker went back to his workplace sad and worried Wednesday after a black-painted bicycle that he borrowed from his employer was stolen by unidentified youths in a parking lot in front of the Bank of Saipan-Hafa Adai.

Virgilio Gabriel, 31, told Saipan Balita that he went to Joeten department store-Hafa Adai Center at around 1:00 P.M. to buy some grocery items. He parked the bicycle in front of the bank's offices believing that no one would touch it. When he came back at around 1:30 P.M. however, Gabriel discovered that the bicycle was nowhere to be found. He tried to look for it in the spacious parking lots for a few minutes, but failed to find it.

Edmar Marasigan, a con-

struction worker at A and R Construction, and Luz Acosta, said they saw two teenaged boys taking the bicycle, but they did not apprehend the two because they had no idea that they were actually stealing it.

Marasigan said one of the boys was about 15 years of age while the other was about 12.

Acosta said the older guy rode onto the bicycle and left together with his companion minutes before Virgilio Gabriel came and started looking for the bicycle.

Gabriel told the security guards of Joeten department store of the theft case.

Gabriel, who works as a painter at KLA Traveller's Lodge, was able to return to his place of work through the help of Acosta and Marasigan.



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